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3. THE MURDER OF A PROMINENT LIBYAN DISSIDENT OUTSIDE THE CROWDED LONDON MOSQUE HAS PLACED RENEWED STRAINS ON UK-LIBYAN RELATIONS. POLICE PATROLLING NEAR THE MOSQUE CAPTURED THE ALLEGED KILLERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT. THEY WERE IDENTIFIED APRIL 15 WHEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER AS NAJIB MUFTAH GASMI AND [redacted] BIL HASAN MASRI, BOTH LIBYAN.

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[redacted] WE CANNOT CONFIRM WHETHER AUTHORITIES ARE SEARCHING FOR ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS, AS ALLEGED BY THE LONDON MEDIA.

4. RAMADAN HAS LIVED IN LONDON FOR MANY YEARS, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE BBC. HE ALSO WROTE FOR AL-JIHAD, AN ANTI-QADHAFI PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTED

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IN LONDON. FRIENDS OF THE VICTIM INTERVIEWED BY THE MEDIA HAVE MADE NO SECRET OF HIS AFFILIATION WITH THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. THEY ALSO CLAIM QADHAFI PUT A PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

5. TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS AND THE LONDON PRESS HAVE ACCORDED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY TO THE MURDER AND ATTENDANT ALLEGATIONS THAT OTHER LIBYAN ASSASSINATION TEAMS WERE AT LARGE IN THE UK. SAMPLE HEADLINE IN THE SUNDAY TIMES: "GADAFFI'S HIT SQUADS: YARD MEN FIND ARMS." MEDIA HAVE SPECULATED THAT SAYYID QADHAF AL-DAM HAS RETURNED TO LONDON TO LEAD ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP LIBYAN PRIMIN MAGHRIBI,

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